

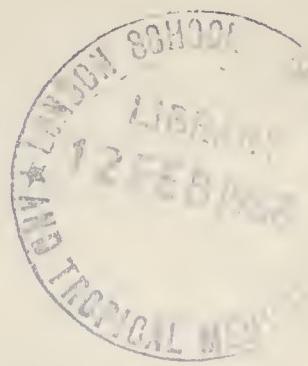
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FOR THE YEAR

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BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and
of the Public Health Inspector for the Year 1961

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1961.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 2,470 which was a decrease of 40 from that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 35 (17 M. 18 F.) which was a decrease of six from that of the previous year and the crude birth rate was accordingly 14.17; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows valid comparison with other Districts the rate becomes 14.03; this was appreciably lower than that of 17.4 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

One stillbirth was registered and the corresponding rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 27.78, compared with that of 18.7 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

There was one infant death due to:-

- (a) Anaphylactic Shock due to
- (b) Inhalation of Cow's Milk Protein - 7 months.

The infantile mortality rate was accordingly 28.57.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age) are prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the predominant maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil as there were no maternal deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion and is a general index of the high standard of modern obstetric Practice.

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 21 (13 M. 8 F.) and the crude death rate was 8.52, which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births was reduced to 7.64 and compares very favourably with that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from the natural causes of death amongst the aged, i.e. Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, of which there were 11 in number.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 4 (3M. 1F.) of those deaths and the ages at death were 54, 62, 68 and 72 years.

Cancer was the cause of 3 deaths, none of which was from Cancer of the Lung.

Lung.

There was no death due to the Infectious Diseases and the other causes of death were miscellaneous.

The Infectious Diseases

Apart from an outbreak of Measles, there were very few other notifiable diseases within the Borough throughout the year.

A new era has been reached in the control, prevention and treatment of the Infectious Diseases; for example, it is unequivocal that immunisation against Diphtheria and vaccination against Poliomyelitis have proved their value, and it is hoped that vaccination against Whooping Cough will prove similarly effective. All the bacterial infectious diseases endemic in this Country can be successfully treated with the Sulpha drugs and/or Antibiotics.

Measles

There was the expected outbreak of measles, 175 cases having been notified. An outbreak occurs when a sufficient number of susceptible children has aggregated, as the virus is constantly present amongst children. The disease is only serious when its complications supervene, namely, Broncho-pneumonia, Acute Suppurative Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis in that order of frequency, but they are now comparatively uncommon.

In this outbreak, there was one case of Acute Encephalitis following Measles; the boy, aged ten years was admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital where he made a complete recovery.

Whooping Cough

Only eight cases of this distressful children's infection were notified. An increasing number of children are being vaccinated at the Child Welfare Centres and by their family Practitioners and it would seem that the number of children who suffer from the disease is in inverse proportion to the number vaccinated.

None of those children suffered from any complications the most common of which is Broncho-pneumonia.

Erysipelas

One case of this infection of the skin was notified. Prior to the introduction of the Sulpha drugs in 1936 and the later Antibiotics, this was a serious illness, but these drugs have been specific in treatment and it is dramatic to observe the recession of the inflammatory processes.

Puerperal Pyrexia

One case of this illness popularly known as Child-bed Fever was notified. Puerperal Sepsis was also a very serious illness before the introduction of the Sulpha drugs and Antibiotics, but treatment with these has also been very successful.

Acute Primary Pneumonia

Three cases were notified, but there was no death either from the Primary or Secondary Pneumonias.

Tuberculosis

It is noteworthy to place on record that no new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified throughout the year, and also that no new case of non-Respiratory or Bovine Tuberculosis was notified, the latter being evidence of the safety of the milk supplies.

It is also noteworthy that there was no death from either form of Tuberculosis, which in a general sense is a reflection of the efficacy of modern treatment.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the Public Health of the Borough was very satisfactory throughout the year, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in the work of the Department and the staff for their co-operation and efficiency.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1961

Area:- 1,509 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	2,470
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books	...	...	...	1,079
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£44,856
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£173

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The ancient and historical Cinque Port Borough of New Romney, is today predominantly an Agricultural District. There are also within the Borough, the workshops of the Romney, Hythe, Dymchurch Light Railway and a few small factories. Part of the boundary is formed by the sea at Littlestone and Greatstone where there are wide expanses of sand which attract many summer visitors and holiday-makers. There is almost no unemployment and social conditions may generally be regarded as being satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	M.	F.	New Romney Borough	England and Wales
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	35	17	18	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.17 (Adjusted Rate 14.03)
	(a) Legitimate	34	17	17		
	(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1		
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	27.73 18.7
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-		
	(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1		
3.	<u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	36	17	19		
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	21	13	8	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	8.52 (Adjusted Rate 7.64)
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	- Not Available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	28.57 21.4
	(a) Legitimate	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.41
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
7.	<u>Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	- 15.5
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-		
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-		
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					2.86%
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	3
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	-
	Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	-
	Deaths from Measles	...	...	...	...	-

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Acute Primary or Influenza Pneumonia	...	...	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	8
Measles	...	...	...	175
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1
Acute Encephalitis (Post Infectious)	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN NEW ROMNEY BOROUGHDURING 1961

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>				<u>Males</u>	<u>Female</u>
				13	8
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-
4. Diphtheria	-
5. Whooping Cough	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-
8. Measles	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-
16. Diabetes	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	2
18. Coronary disease, angina	4
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-
20. Other heart disease	1
21. Other circulatory disease	2
22. Influenza	-
23. Pneumonia	-
24. Bronchitis	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-
31. Congenital malformations	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1
34. All other accidents	1
35. Suicide	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1961

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths		Total Cases on Register	
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	-	-	-	-	-
1	...	-	-	-	-	-
5	...	-	-	-	-	-
15	...	-	-	-	-	-
25	...	-	-	-	-	-
35	...	-	-	-	-	-
45	...	-	-	-	-	-
55	...	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1961 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary	Reinforcing	
1961	15	-	15
1960	33	-	33
1959	2	3	2
1958	2	2	1
1957	-	2	-
1952 - 56	5	28	1
1947 - 51	-	3	-
Total	57	38	52

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various priority groups during the year.

Priority Group	2nd Injections	3rd Injections	4th Injection
1957 - 1961	37	40	-
1946 - 1956	11	26	-
1943 - 1945	2	1	-
1933 - 1942	26	17	-
1921 - 1932	45	56	-
Others	-	1	-
School children under 12 years	-	-	158
Total	121	141	158

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1961 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	NUMBER VACCINATED	NUMBER RE-VACCINATED
Under 1	45	-
1	1	-
2 to 4	3	-
5 to 14	3	-
15 or Over	-	-
Total	52	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate, and the supply is not plumbo-solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Not Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Not Satisfactory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	2	2	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other piped supplies. ... NIL
(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 1,193 (Est)

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year

Meehan Road - 66 yards - 3" diameter
Blenheim Road - 200 yards 5" diameter
Littlestone Avenue - 100 yards 5" diameter

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Reference to any additions or improvements in respect of sewerage systems or sewage disposal works and also to new schemes constructed during the year.

The Kent River Board have invited tenders for the erection of a sea outfall pumping station for surface water dykes through which sewage effluent is discharged. Estimated cost £15,000. The Borough Council have a scheme in hand for re-laying part of existing ^{sewerage} system and extending sewage treatment plant. Estimated cost £80,000.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 43
(b) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.
 (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 32
 (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 2
(c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 16
(d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Burial and incineration at refuse tip.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	Not applicable
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	...	3
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	...	5
Dairies	...	...	...	6
Fish (including fried)	...	...	...	1
Licenced Premises	...	...	...	3
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	Not applicable
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	...	1
All other Food Premises	...	...	...	10

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)

1

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served

-

Preparation of Food and Food-preparing premises

- (A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspection of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls vehicles and food-preparing places.

So far as is known one butchers shop has been improved.

- (B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice-cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959.

Pre-packed ice-cream only sold.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

--- NONE ---

(ii) MILK AND DAIRIES

- (1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

Number of registered distributors	...	...	2
Number of registered dairies	...	...	4

- (2) SUMMARY OF MILK SAMPLING for the purposes of Milk (Special Despatch) Regulations.

	No. of Samples taken	No. of Samples which failed
Pasteurised Milk	6	Phosphatase test: Nil
Sterilised Milk	-	M.B. test: Nil Turbidity test: Nil
Tuberculin Tested Milk (raw)	-	M.B. test Nil

<u>Number of Slaughter-houses in use</u>	<u>Private Slaughter-houses</u> <u>Licensed</u> | <u>Operating</u>	<u>Bacon Factories</u>	<u>Knackers' Yards</u>
Slaughter-houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

	<u>lbs</u>
Canned boneless beef	2
Danish Bacon	8
Polish Bacon	4
Canned Chicken	3
	17 lbs

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13. Hsg. for the year ending 31st December).

<u>A. Houses demolished</u>	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>	
		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	5	6	2
<u>B. Unfit Houses Closed</u>	<u>Number</u>		
(5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	-		
(6) Under Sections (17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-		
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-		
<u>C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>			
	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>	
(8) After informal action by local authority	4	-	
(9) After formal notice under -			
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-	
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	

D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u> (1)	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u> (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation.		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-
E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>	<u>No. of houses</u> (1)	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u> (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS. GRANTS.

Number of schemes submitted and number approved for works of improvement or conversions, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Discretionary 2 applications refused. Total £619
 Standard - 6 applications approved - total £740
 " - 6 applications approved and done - total £1,030
 " - 1 application refused.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	12
Number of dwellings made fit	2
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	5
Number of inspections of clearance areas	Nil
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	Nil

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Discretionary Improvement Grants	Nil
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Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	20
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Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	Nil
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedyng of Defects.	2

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	Nil
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	10
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	-
Vermin	...	-
Dirty Houses	...	-
Offensive accumulations	...	1
Offensive odours	...	2
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	-

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	7	Nil
Housing Acts	Nil	Nil

HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31-12-61	70
(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year	14
(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year	67

CARAVAN SITES

Name and Addresses of Caravan Sites and number of Caravans on each site

New Romney Caravan Sites Ltd., Clark Road, Greatstone-on-Sea - 135 caravans

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

An average of 18,000 gallons per day is collected by one, 1,000 gal. S.D. vehicle working up to 10 hours per day. Delays in emptying vary between 3 and 14 days in peak holiday periods and wet weather.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	1,193
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	467
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	736
Number of premises connected to cesspools	716
Number of premises with pail closets	(Approx.) 20

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

One 10/12 cube yard KARRIER Dual Tip Vehicle manned by three men copes with winter population supplemented by an additional loader in summer.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

None was necessary during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of			Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)		
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13	6	-	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	46	10	-	-	-
Total	60	16	-	-	

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
			To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convenience					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Local Authority	Type of Property Non-Agricultural			Agricul-	
		Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All Other Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)		
I.	Number of properties in Local Authority's District	5	1193	104	1302	2
II.	Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
	(a) Notification	-	15	1	16	-
	(b) Survey under the Act	5	-	3	8	1
	(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	5	100	-	105	-
III.	Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections.	18	47	31	96	6
IV.	Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:-					
	(a) Rats (Major)	1	-	-	1	-
	(Minor)	1	10	3	14	1
	(b) Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
	(Minor)	-	7	1	8	-
V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A.	2	17	4	23	1
VI.	Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments	5	15	4	24	1
VII.	Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act					
	(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
	(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
IX.	Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X.	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

